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Memorandum

TO: BATA Oversight Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director

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RE: Allocation of Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program (SRP) Funds to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Approach Project - BATA Resolution No. 79, Revised

The Department of Transportation, Caltrans (Caltrans) has requested a budget change and supplemental allocation of \$17.0 million in Seismic Retrofit Program (SRP) funds to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Approach Seismic Retrofit Project.

Recently, Caltrans has made significant progress on the West Approach project with the reopening of the eastbound Sterling Street on-ramp and completion of the final roadway overlay on the west span of the Bay Bridge. By the end of the year, Caltrans plans on achieving seismic safety on the project and reopening of the westbound Harrison Street off-ramp to downtown San Francisco. Overall, the contract is expected to be completed in January 2009 – seven months early as previously reported.

The requested funds will be utilized to close out the project, including final settlement of project changes, claims, and other costs. These costs were originally anticipated to be funded from the sale of excess right-of-way located in San Francisco used for the project. At this time, Caltrans is still negotiating the sale of the properties. In lieu of these funds, Caltrans is requesting a supplemental allocation of SRP funds. When the sales of the properties are completed, proceeds from the sales will be returned to the SRP contingency balance.

The Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee has reviewed and approved Caltrans budget and allocation request for the project. Staff has reviewed Caltrans allocation request and concurs with the funding request.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee refer BATA Resolution No. 79, Revised to the Authority for approval to update the project budget and allocate \$17 million in SRP funds to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Approach Seismic Retrofit Project contingent upon all proceeds from the sale of excess right-of-way return to the SRP contingency balance.

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